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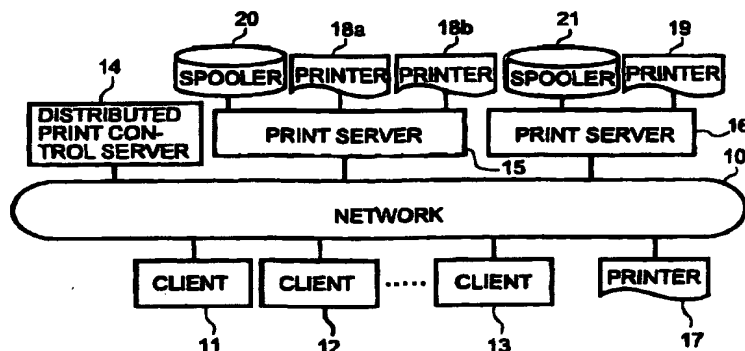
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(54) **PRINTING SYSTEM**

(57) A printing system constituted by more than one printers (17, 18a, 18b, and 19), print servers (15 and 16), and terminal devices (11, 12, and 13) is provided. Each of the terminal devices includes an application program for generating a document to be printed by the printer. The document generated by the application program is converted into a print job having a system-common standard document format independent of printer type. The converted print job is then transferred from the terminal device to the print server. The print server

converts the received document having the standard document format into a print job having a format corresponding to the printer for this print job. The printer performs printing based on this converted job. The print server stores the print job having the standard document format for a predetermined period of time, thereby executing print processing at reprinting after printer failure or resuming printing after interruption by another print job based on the stored print job.

FIG.1



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